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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: POSTS AND TELECOMUUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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1. AS REQUESTED REFTEL, FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON
TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT.

A. NATIONWIDE AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE - THIS PROJECT
WAS PREVIOUSLY INCORPORATED IN DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR FORMER EAST
AFRICAN COMMUNITY (EAC) ORGANIZATION. WE UNDERSTAND FEASIBILITY
STUDY AND SOME DESIGN WORK HAD BEEN DONE EARLIER AND THAT TANZANIA
POSTS PLANS. TPTC HAS NOT AS YET SECURED SOURCE OF FINANCING
AND WILL NOT INITIATE PROJECT TIMETABLE AND IMPLEMENTATION UNTIL
IT DOES SO. INTERESTED FIRMS SHOULD WRITE TO: MR.F.S. KASAMBALA,
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL, OPERATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT,
P.O. BOX 9070, DAR ES SALAAM.

B. METEOROLOGICAL NETWORK - PROJECT DESIGNED ESTABLISHED NATIONAL
CAPABILITY TO REPLACE SERVICES WHICH EAC FORMERLY HANDLED.
REPORTEDLY, STUDY NOT REQUIRED. TPTC HAS NOT YET
IDENTIFIED FINANCING, NOR THEREFORE, TIMETABLE. INTERESTED
FIRMS SHOULD CONTACT MR. URBAN B. LIFIGA, DIRECTOR OF
METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT, P.O. BOX 3056, DAR ES SALAAM.

C. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HIGH FREQUENCY DIRECTION FINDER AND
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SECONDARY SURVEILLANCE RADAR PROJECTS ARE IN SIMILAR STATE
AS B. ABOVE.

2. WORLD BANK, SWEDEN AND OTHER DONORS HAVE ASSISTED FORMER
EAC AND TANZANIA IN STUDYING COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT AND
IDENTIFYING PROJECTS. IT APPEARS TANZANIA INTENDS PROCEED ONLY AS
FOREIGN CONCESSIONAL FINANCING IS ARRANGED. TO EXTEND AID IS TIED

OR FINANCING ARRANGMENTS MORE FAVORABLE THAN U.S. EXIMBANK,
OPPORTUNITIES FOR U.S. FIRMS WILL BE LIMITED. WE NOTE FOR EXAMPLE
THAT JAPANESE FIRM WILL SHORTLY SIGN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE CONCESSIONAL
FINANCE AND EQUIPMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL TELEX AND THAT SWEDISH FIRM
RECENTLY WAS AWARDED CONTRACT TO SUPPLY AND INSTALL TWO ULTRA HIGH
FREQUENCY RADIO SYSTEMS.
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